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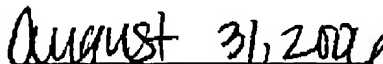
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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 28) in response to the Restriction Requirement of August 4, 2006. Applicants further elect species I (claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 14-17, and 26).

Applicants traverse the requirement to the extent of requesting that claims in Group II that correspond to allowable Group I claims be reinstated for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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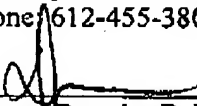
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